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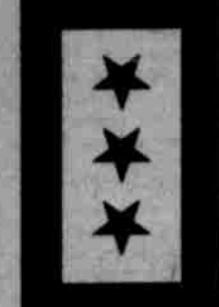
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Long May It Wave

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"Let us then stand by the constitution as it is, and by our country as it is, one, united, and entire; let it be a true sovereign on our hearts; let it be borne on the flag under which we rally in every exigency, that we have one country, one constitution, one destiny."—Daniel Webster.

MAUDE PIERSON'S  
FRENCH FRIEND WRITES

Miss Maude Pierson is in receipt of another letter from her French friend, Mme Louise Valiere of St. Denis, France as follows:

Saint Denis, July 29, 1918.

My Dear Maude:

I will answer your kind letter which I received a few days ago.

I am quite well, thank you, and very pleased to know you are fine and dandy.

Henry gets along nicely but is very feeble. He went to the south part of France at Narbonne in another hospital. We received a few lines from him this morning; they are the first words he writes since he was wounded 8 weeks ago.

I heard from Floyd 3 days ago, it is the third letter which I receive from him, this one took 8 days to come. How long take they to go across?

Yes it would be very nice if he could come here. He says he would like very much to visit Paris and I wish he gets that chance.

I am very pleased that you have some days' vacation and hope to have

a fortnight where I work. In other offices my friends have only 8 days.

You say, Maude, that there has been one boy of Belding killed for France. I do wish that will be all like you hope. Here only in our street there had been 6 died for their country.

in a town where lives one of my friends, passed in railway American soldiers and they cried to the civilians "Christmas, Christmas!" My friend writes: "We asked one another what meant that when an American officer speaking admirably French, explained us that the boys cried: 'The war would end for Christmas.' But my dear Maude, it is possible that we have peace before that time."

I went to Paris the 4th of July for the American Independence day to see the review. We could see very many U. S. soldiers to file off, there were infantry and artillery regiments, then American Red Cross nurses passed before us. I thought of you when I saw them. It was very beautiful, people shouted, the boys and clapped their hands. When the American soldiers played the Star Spangled Banner we applauded and also for the French hymn. Every one had a little American flag on its heart. I wore one, too. The soldiers filed off before Washington statue, then before Strasbourg and Lille statues at Concorde place. There were also many French boys.

The 14th of July I went there for the French national day. We had not fine weather, it rained but a short time before the soldiers file off, the sun appeared.

French, American, English, Italian, Belgian, Greek, Portuguese, Polish, Indian, Australian, Canadian and Russian who fight for France since there is the revolution in their country, passed before the enthusiastic people.

Then we took a walk in Paris and my dear, how many soldiers we saw in the streets that day. In one of your letters you wrote that you thought Floyd was in the trenches. I don't believe I asked him if there were civilians where he is located and he answered me that there are some ones. So I suppose he is in a town near the battle front. If he could have a furlough I should ask him where he is and should write it to you.

Well I must close, hoping to hear from you soon and remaining your affectionate friend,

Louise.

Louise Valiere.

12 Rue des Moulins Gemeaux,  
Saint Denis (Seine), France.

The Flag Pole Fund.

So many requests have come to this office relative to the flag pole fund which was raised some time ago and we have been asked to publish a request that it be dug up and turned over to the Red Cross. One thing we wish understood, however, is that we did not assume the trusteeship of the fund when we took over the Banner, as so many seem to think. We will try and have a statement showing where the fund is and how much there is of it for next week's issue. But we are not the treasurer of the fund and don't know where it is any more than you do.

Churches Resume Regular Hour.

The Union open air services closed last Sunday and commencing on next Sunday the various protestant denominations of the city will hold their regular evening services at the old time, 7:30 o'clock.

## Remembered Stricken Friend.

The ladies of the Orleans W. C. T. U. spent Saturday afternoon, August 30, at the home of Mrs. M. L. Howe, one of their members and the following composed by Mrs. Chas. Holmes, was read:

We come to greet you, precious friend  
And in each warm right hand extend,  
And love, true love, its charm to lend.  
The W. C. T. U.'s greeting.

We would bring a wealth of fruit and flower,

From every leafy sunny bower,  
And all the radiant priceless power,  
To cheer your heart of gold.

We've waited long for this glad day,  
This ne'er to be forgotten day,  
The coming which proves your gentle way.

And our strong loyalty.

As comrades then, we come to greet you,

As comrades tender, tried and true,  
And would if it were in our power to strew

Thy pathway, dear, with healing.  
Ways of being sweet and kind,  
There is always time to share  
Smiles and goodness everywhere:  
Time to send the frowns away,  
Time to give a gentle word to say,  
Time for helpfulness,  
And time to assist the weak to climb,  
Time to give a little flower,  
Time for friendship any hour,  
But there is no time to spare,  
For unkindness anywhere.

The Japanese are taught from childhood to show a smiling face, because as I have been told it is thought unfair to others to injure the happiness of those around us. Jesus bequeathed to us His Joy, a deeper feeling than mere happiness, a feeling that has peace in it and trust and a constant assurance of His guiding and guarding presence. If we could see the silver lining of the dark clouds, how bright they would become. If we believe God's word we know that our afflictions are working out a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.

In our meetings the last few months we have met you, your cheery smile, your unfaltering devotion to the cause of temperance and your loyalty to the right and we have never forgotten you, although the duties of a busy world have kept us so long away. Still our thoughts, our sympathies, our hopes are yours and with grateful happy memories of the past and with high hopes for the future, let us shoulder to shoulder, heart to heart, meet the heavy responsibilities and trials of the coming days.

"And in all we do and think and say To grow more loving every day."

Building and Loan Stock Matures.

Series No. 51 of the Belding Building & Loan association, containing 52 shares, amounting to \$5,200 matured September 1, 1918, and is now being paid out to stockholders in cash and matured loans.

The following members were stockholders in this series: French Arnold, \$700; Velma Warren, \$500; Ida E. Brown, \$1,000; Mrs. M. E. Wells, \$1,000; J. Ward Wells, \$1,000; Jennie Beach, \$1,000.

The association has been doing business now for nearly 30 years and at the annual meeting of the stockholders to be held this month the charter will be renewed again for another 30 years.

The association offers a splendid investment to its stockholders as well as offering a fine opportunity to pay for a home on small monthly payments. Many of our citizens have paid for their homes through this institution.

Sorghum Questions Answered.

The retail price at present is \$1.30 per gallon. The price for making is 50 cents per gallon. Will commence making about Sept. 3 or 4. Get your cane in as soon as possible; if the seed is commencing to ripen or if still green, cut it if there is danger of frost strip it—cut it and cut tops off at the first leaf.

Put it in bundles and tie it top and bottom, bring it to the mill and pile it up as the cane will have to be in before we can work for when we once commence it is not policy to have to stop and wait for cane. Bring your vessels for putting the syrup in to.

If it is to be made on shares it will be 50-50.

J. J. Spriggs.

Silk City Syrup Sweet Works.

## Is Finally In Service.

Marshall King, one of the draft quota who left Ionia yesterday, is finally in the national service, through the fact that the draft caught him when he registered on June 5, last. Marshall tried to enlist, more than a year ago, for army service and a short time ago attempted to enlist in the navy but was rejected on examination. Failing in this he made up his mind to wait for the draft.

## Machine Gun Bullets Put Him Out.

Mrs. John Antcliff is in receipt of a letter from her brother, Corporal Ernest Allen, who has been in the United States army service for the past six months, somewhere in France to the effect that he was wounded by two machine gun bullets, in his thigh. He was in action when he was wounded and the time of the wounding was some time in July and somewhere in France.

## Surprise Party.

Mrs. Mildred Seelye was pleasantly surprised when a number of her friends came to assist her in celebrating her birthday. Ice cream and cake were served. All went home wishing some one else would have a birthday soon.

"I wish my mother had a vote—to keep the germs away"



## EVERYTHING TO GAIN

If Michigan Votes Yes on Woman Suffrage November 5.

MEN LOSE NOTHING—they keep their votes.

THE HOME WILL GAIN A VOTE in addition to the one it had before.

THE WIFE WILL GAIN more interests in common with her husband.

THE MOTHER WILL GAIN the power to reduce the high cost of living, to get better schools and recreation places for her children and decent working conditions for her older sons and daughters.

THE CHILDREN WILL GAIN double protection when the father and mother both can vote.

THE FARMER WILL GAIN because farm women will vote for farm interests.

THE STATE WILL GAIN because it will have the service of experts in housekeeping.

GOVERNMENT WILL GAIN because it can use the intelligence of ALL THE PEOPLE instead of only one-half.

VOTE FOR WOMAN SUFFRAGE NOVEMBER 5.

There's real saving now, in buying these trig suits we are receiving almost daily.

We repeat—suits will be higher, not lower.

and the economical woman will not delay.

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